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Marginal Column

By "COMMENTATOR"

A MOST interesting document has reached us: The protocol of the fourth conference of the "National Democratic Party" of Eastern Germany, which took place in Leipzig during the second half of June, is contained in the East Berlin "National Zeitung" of June 15-20.

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THE conference was opened, we are told, by the Deputy Party Leader, Vincenz Mueller (formerly General of an Army)—the brackets are not ours.—The second speaker was Haehling, the Party Secretary from Halle district (formerly the Commander of a division). The third speaker was Arno von Lenski, party leader of Berlin district (formerly a General and commander of a division). The fourth speaker was the leader of the Brandenburg district, Egbert von Frankenberg, who must have been somewhat uneasy among so much brass: he is described as a mere major of the Nazi Luftwaffe. Speakers number five to seven were Guenther Ludwig, Wilhelm Adam and Guenther Assmann, and their rank is given as colonels in Hitler's Wehrmacht. The eighth and ninth speakers were members of the younger generation: Heinz Lasern is introduced as a member of the executive of the Hitlerjugend while Harry Knospe was a mere "Stammfuehrer" in the same outfit.

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THE tasks of the party are twofold and clearly described in the report of General V. Mueller: "The members of the front-line generation received our support in their attempts to regain those positions in public life which should be accorded to them in view of their knowledge and skill. There exists a law in the Eastern German republic which grants equality "Gleichberechtigung") to the former members of the Nazi party and officers of the army. Owing to the activity of our army 400 such ex-party members and ex-officers have again received employment during the last year in their old or a similar profession(!) If there should be a peace treaty with the Soviet Union, the principle of equality will be included, as the large majority of ex-members of the Nazi party, as well as the former professional officers, have honestly collaborated with the authorities after 1945.

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THE second task of the party (which by now has become its main task) is clearly expressed in the manifesto, "to all German officers and soldiers in World War II," published by the conference. "We believe that this generation of German soldiers is a big national force, a factor which cannot be passed over and excluded from political accounts. Let us take the shaping of our future in our own hands! Only then shall we be again masters in all Germany." Another of the former Colonels, Lewes-Litzman, published a letter in the official organ of the Soviet Authorities in Berlin, "Taegliche Rundschau": "It is the sacred national duty of all those, who, like me, choose the defence of their homeland as their profession, to offer their services to the authorities at the present critical period."

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SOME of the East German propagandists have been slow in adapting themselves to the new trend. One of them is Guenter Klein, director of the East German movie service "Augenzeuge" (eye witness) "why did he cut out those shots from the Leipzig meeting of the German Youth organization, in which the young peace fighters were shown with arms in their hands?" "What is the reason for this pacifistic timidity?" asks the official "Junges Deutschland."

Jerusalem, July 13.

E. Germans Ask For Creation Of 'People's Army'

BERLIN, Saturday (AP). — East Germany's ruling Socialist Unity Party (Communist) today formally "requested" the Government to set up a "National People's Army" immediately. President Wilhelm Pieck, Party Chairman, told an East Berlin rally that the request was unanimously adopted by the Party this afternoon.

Pieck said the army would be equipped with all modern weapons necessary for the Soviet zone's defence against the "Western imperialists" on land, sea, and in the air.

East Germany already has the nucleus for its army in the military units of the "Peoples police," which, according to the latest reports, number about 700,000.

ENGINEER DEFECTS

BONN, Saturday (Reuter). — A civilian engineer described as the "most knowledgeable civilian Russian defector to come to the West in recent years" has been granted asylum in the American zone of Germany, a U.S. spokesman said today.

The engineer is Mr. Evgeny Volchansky, 32, a graduate of Leningrad University.

Earlier today U.S. High Commissioner John McCloy personally protested to Soviet Control Commissioner Vassily Chuikov over last Tuesday's kidnapping of Walter Linse, a West Berlin anti-Communist.

Neo-Nazism Still Dangerous—McCloy

BONN, Saturday (Reuter). — Neo-Nazism in Germany, although still unimportant, must be watched, Mr. John McCloy, U.S. High Commissioner, said today in a quarterly report to Washington covering January to March this year.

Mr. McCloy said the Socialist Reichs Party gained only 3.9 per cent of the votes in the March elections which established the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, but he cautioned against overlooking the fact that the Party contested in only one of the three former States which merged into Baden-Wuerttemberg and then only for a week.

"An additional cause for concern is the slowly consolidating influence in West Berlin's universities of the conservative student clubs known as Student Corps (Studentenkorps), in many cases the embodiment of German anti-democratic traditions," he said.

Mr. McCloy said that West Germany's part in Western defence should ensure her of a steadily rising standard of living in spite of increasing defence expenditures, for it was "the only nation with a great untapped reservoir of manpower and technical facilities."

Defence expenditures during the current financial year were being budgeted at 11,250m. marks, he said, but this contribution can be financed without difficulty because of West Germany's sound state of finances and the existing tax structure.

SOVIET AND ISRAEL OLYMPIANS ARRIVE

HELSINKI, Saturday (UP).—Twenty members of the Israel Olympic team, including the Chairman, Nahum Heth, arrived in Turku, Finland, today and continued their journey by train to Helsinki.

The team includes 13 basketball players, wrestlers, shooters and one swimmer.

A Soviet track-field team of 200 men and women athletes arrived here from Leningrad today, swelling their Olympic entries to 350. They arrived by a special train along with Russian delicacies and other foods.

The International Olympic Committee was today asked to decide whether both East and West Germany will be permitted to compete in the Olympic Games.

War's Heaviest Air Raid on Pyongyang

TOKYO, Saturday.—Allied planes threw the war's greatest single blow—a record of [illegible] sorties—at the North Korean capital of Pyongyang yesterday and early today. As the city still flamed from hundreds of fighter-bomber attacks yesterday, 65 B-29 Superforts throbbed over the targets during the night.

Pyongyang was hit by more than 1,400 tons of bombs in the combined assault by the aircraft of four countries — the U.S., Britain, Australia and South Africa. Preliminary reports spoke of widespread damage to targets which had been allowed to "ripen" for several months.

Yesterday's targets included anti-aircraft installations, tank and vehicle repair shops and parks, a rubber factory and other industrial areas and supply installations. They were located around Pyongyang and the towns of Hwangju and Sariwon, 40 and 55 kms. respectively south of the capital and on the main western route to the 38th parallel.

While the B-29's today dropped 540 tons of high explosives on Pyongyang, other aircraft blasted Communist supply areas at Kamhung, Kyomipo and Sinman, in the eastern and central sectors.

U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Lawton Collins arrived here today from Washington for talks which are expected to include the problem of General Mark Clark's liaison with members of the U.N. represented in Korea, especially Britain. The Generals are also expected to review the intensification of air attacks against North Korea.

At Panmunjom, U.N. and Communist negotiators met yesterday and today, but there were no reports of progress. Peking Radio in a broadcast on the anniversary of the truce talks last night repeated the Communist contention that all prisoners whose homes were in North Korea or China must be returned. It declared that any U.S. attempt to "send the prisoners into slavery" would again destroy the hopes of an armistice. (AP, Reuter)

U.N. Will Warn Korean Civilians

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter).—The U.N. air forces today announced they would give North Korean civilians regular warning of impending attack.

An official release from the Far East Air Force, which made the announcement, also gave the text of the warning leaflets dropped over Pyongyang before the recent raids. They said: "The U.N. forces want to protect civilians but they cannot if you remain near military targets which must be destroyed."

Raid Kills 2,000, Pyongyang Claims

TOKYO, Saturday (AP). — Pyongyang Radio said today that 2,000 persons were killed in air raids there. The broadcast said a number of U.N. prisoners in Camp No. 9 were killed and wounded.

The broadcast also said there were 4,000 injured and 250 missing. Observers here said the Communist admission of air raid casualties was the greatest they recalled in the Korean war. Pyongyang Radio called the raid a "retaliatory measure for their (U.N.) failure in military operations and at the armistice talks."

A TASS dispatch yesterday spoke of the action as a "barbarous raid on the inhabited quarters of Pyongyang and peaceful objectives which had no military significance." It claimed 1,700 bombs were dropped and that the aircraft opened machinegun and cannon fire on private houses killing "hundreds of peaceful inhabitants, mainly women, children and aged people."

Britain Demands Kuznetsov Recall

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter) The Government today demanded the recall within a week of M. Pavel Kuznetsov, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy here who was mentioned in this week's trial of the Foreign Office wireless operator, William Marshall.

A note delivered to the Embassy said that M. Kuznetsov was no longer persona grata to the British Government. The note, it is understood, rejected a recent Soviet protest against the searching of the Second Secretary by British police when Marshall was arrested.

Marshall was sentenced on Thursday to five years' imprisonment on four counts of passing secret information to M. Kuznetsov.

A leading Polish labour leader, Edward Ochab, alleged today in an article in the Soviet newspaper "Pravda" that the Western powers were intensifying the smuggling of spies and saboteurs into Poland.

He added: "An overwhelming blow was recently dealt at spies in general's uniforms who had entered the Polish army by deceit."

Mr. Ochab whose article was reproduced by TASS did not amplify this phrase nor make it clear whether a new plot against the state had been discovered in Poland but he added 'More than one gang has been unmasked.'

E.C. TO SUMMARIZE EXPORT PROBLEMS

The Economic Council's eleventh meeting is to be devoted to summarizing export problems and to discussing control questions, it was announced.

The Council is to meet in Jerusalem at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Non-Party Cabinet Formed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Saturday (Reuter). — Iraq today installed a Cabinet of non-party Ministers to carry through the country's forthcoming general elections.

The new Prime Minister, Mustafa el-Umari, who succeeded Nuri e-Said, has in addition taken the Interior portfolio. Other Cabinet posts announced today were:

Social Affairs — Majid Mustafa; Justice — Jamal Baban; Education — Abdullah e-Damaluji; Communications and Public Works — Sayed Abdul Majid Allawi; Defence — Husamudin Juma; Economics — Nadim el-Pachachi; Finance — Ibrahim Shabandar; Health — Abdul Rahman Jowdat; Foreign Affairs — Fadhil Jamali.

Majid Mustafa and Fadhil Jamali retain the posts they held in the previous Cabinet.

Riley Opens Oil Drum, Returns It to Israel; U.N. Dispute Settled

A mysterious 50-gallon grey metal drum which has been locked in an anteroom of the U.N. Mixed Armistice Commission offices at Mandelbaum Gate under Israel armed guard for three weeks was handed back to Israel on Friday, but what its contents were remained as intriguing a mystery as ever.

Reuters' Amman correspondent reports that Jordan is expected to protest to United Nations Headquarters over the return of the drum to Israel by General William Riley, the U.N. Chief of Staff, after he had inspected it. It was removed from a Mt. Scopus convoy for inspection by a U.N. officer on June 4.

Hakirya Statement

At Hakirya, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs spokesman on Friday issued the following statement:

1. Since the cessation of hostilities, regular convoys have been proceeding to the Israel area on Mt. Scopus after U.N. observers have inspected the items sent in the convoys and checked them against the manifest.

2. On June 4 one of the oil drums included in the load was queried, and the U.N. officer properly wished to break it open. The Israel representative denied his right to do so in principle and suggested instead that the drum should be returned, as was done on previous occasions in similar circumstances. The drum was thereupon placed in custody in the Mandelbaum building, and the U.N. and the Israel military authorities placed additional guards inside the building, pending a decision by General Riley, who was at that time on leave in the United States. The convoy proceeded to Mt. Scopus.

3. Following General Riley's return, he inspected the drum on July 11 in the presence of Israel and Jordan representatives and checked it against the manifest. Authorisation was not given for the drum to be sent to Mt. Scopus, and it was accordingly returned to the Israel authorities. The building is Israel property situated on Israel territory. Certain of the rooms in it had been placed at the disposal of the Mixed Armistice Commission by courtesy of the Israel Government, while the rest of the building remained in use by various Israel Government departments.

4. All other misunderstandings which arose between U.N. personnel and Israel representatives in the course of this dispute have been amicably settled.

An Arab Legion headquarters spokesman, quoted by Reuters from Amman, said that when General Riley opened the bung of the drum which according to the Israel manifest contained fuel oil and pushed a metal rod into the opening, "the rod would not go into the drum. There was some solid object or objects in the drum which prevented the rod being pushed right in," he concluded.

U.N. Crisis

But the withdrawal of the Israel military police, armed with sub-machine guns, who had guarded the drum for three weeks, ended what United Nations officials in Jerusalem had called "one of the most delicate and serious crises of the U.N. armistice."

Beirut Radio last week quoted a statement issued in Amman by General Riley that the disputed barrel was under constant U.N. guard, and he personally accepted responsibility for inspecting it. It would then be returned to Israel since it was still on Israel territory, as the building in which the M.A.C. had had its offices did not belong to the U.N. but to Israel.

Shishakly Wants Eastern Shore Of Kinneret

Colonel Adib Shishakly, the Syrian Chief of Staff has demanded that Israel hand over to Syria the eastern shore of Kinneret and stop the Huleh drainage work, and he is reported to have threatened military action to back up his demand, Reuters reported from Jerusalem on Friday.

U.N. Armistice Commission sources in Jerusalem told Reuters that Shishakly was aiming at a far-reaching revision of the armistice border. It would be two-fold:

1) A strip ten metres wide on the eastern shore of Kinneret, recognized as Israel territory by the Israel-Syrian armistice agreement, to be handed over to Syria; and

2) Drainage work on the Israel side of the Huleh swamps to cease.

Sources said that Jordan, Egypt and the Lebanon had agreed to support Shishakly's demand, and that Syria might even take military action to fulfil its claim.

Reuter reported Jewish observers in Jerusalem as saying that Shishakly hoped to win U.S. help in exerting pressure on Israel to agree to the border changes.

An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Tel Aviv last night that the Armistice Agreement between Israel and Syria could only be altered by mutual consent, after negotiations. Israel would be prepared to attend any meeting suggested by Syria.

The spokesman added that if the Syrians wished to use force to try to alter the border or other details of the agreement by military means, they would find the Israel defence forces prepared.

The Syrian and Lebanese Foreign Ministers met on the frontier today to discuss foreign policy questions, NEABS reported today.

NEABS Damascus correspondent reports that matters discussed included the results of the recent London conference of British Middle East diplomats, the possibility of convening the Arab League Council, the Tunisian question, the transfer of Palestine refugees from Lebanon to Northern Syria, and support for the Lebanese candidature to the Security Council.

Owing to sickness the Chief of State, General Selo, who holds National Defence and Interior Portfolios in addition to the Premiership, issued a cabinet decree today entrusting Interior affairs to Foreign Minister Rifa'i and Defence to Finance Minister Sayed Zaym.

TWO EGYPTIAN MEDICS TO TREAT TALAL

CAIRO, Saturday (AP).— Two Egyptian doctors — Yousef Barrada Bey and Kamel el Khol Bey — will leave for Amman on Monday to supervise treatment for Jordan's King Talal, it was announced today.

Eisenhower Prepares Presidential Campaign

Three Rival U.S. Foreign Policies

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP).—Three different foreign policy programmes are being advocated during the U.S. election year debate—one by the Government, another by the Republican Party, and a third by Congress which adjourned on Monday. All three agree on the need for world-wide collective security, but they differ widely on details and method.

The Truman administration says, in brief, that its present programme of global military and economic aid must be continued with the minimum of reduction. Its aim is "containment" of Communism. Though emphasizing the importance of Europe it has asked for funds to dam weak spots wherever they appear in the world.

Economy and Power

The Republican Convention has endorsed a platform calling for both economy and the maximum buildup of U.S. power—particularly in the air —with the "utmost speed." The Republicans promised to "wage peace" and to end the "negative, futile and immoral policy of containment."

Congress has said in effect that the whole security programme is too expensive and should be reduced to meet the country's pocket. It has expressed dissatisfaction with the defence efforts of its foreign allies, and has insisted that purely U.S. needs require more attention.

The block of Republicans and Southern Democrats engineered economy moves in Congress with one eye on their opponent in the White House and another on the November elections, when all members of the House of Representatives, and one third of the Senate will have to face the voters.

Racists Watched

CHICAGO, Saturday (INA).—Police and convention officials went into action late on Thursday night against anti-Semitic groups which continued distributing anti-Jewish smear material aimed at General Eisenhower.

As balloting drew near and tension mounted, police were instructed to prevent possible disturbances involving "nationalist elements." Patrols were stationed at the Convention hall and at hotels where delegations were lodged.

Arabs Criticize Republican Platform

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (INA). — Republican platforms promising continued "friendly interest" in Israel drew criticism from Arab delegations here last week.

Arab objections were based on the argument that the platform favoured Israel and ignored the interests of the Arab States.

As an instance, the Arabs cited facts that the platform made no reference to the plight of Arab refugees, while it made sympathetic mention of Jewish refugees now resettled in Israel.

2 Czech Engineers Sentenced to Death

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuter).—Two Czech engineers accused of being responsible for a fire in a coal mine near Ostrava last December, when several miners were killed, were sentenced to death for sabotage today, Prague Radio reported.

The court at Ostrava sent two other men to life imprisonment and five others received sentences ranging from three to 25 years on the same charge.

During the trial parties of miners brought into the court "promised to increase their output to show their disgust for the crimes of the accused," the Radio reported.

Beats Taft; Seeks Party Unity

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter). — General Eisenhower, having won the fight for the Republican Presidential nomination, has now begun to tackle his next task: to unite the wrangling factions of the party before the campaign for the November presidential elections begins.

He has called all available Republican congressmen here to meet him today, following his gesture for party harmony last night when he called on his defeated rival, Senator Taft, and won his promise of help.

The streamers are being cleared away, and Chicago is being tidied up, but only for ten days until the Democratic National Convention opens.

Whoever may be chosen as their candidate, the Democrats will pit the "fair deal" programme against the formidable personal popularity of the General and against his party's programme.

General Eisenhower's final victory over Senator Taft was sudden and dramatic. In the first ballot on Friday the General polled 595 votes: then suddenly the Minnesota delegation switched over to him 19 votes originally cast for Harold Stassen, giving him enough to win the ballot. Texas then changed four of its five non-Eisenhower votes over to him, then other states began switching votes to him, and a landslide began, as a demonstration of unity behind the G.O.P.'s new hope.

Thirty-nine-year-old Senator Richard Nixon of California, was later nominated as candidate for the Vice-Presidency, as General Eisenhower's personal choice for his running-mate.

FINAL RESULTS

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter). — The final result of the first ballot was:

Eisenhower	—	845
Taft	—	280
Warren	—	77
MacArthur	—	4

Unlike the Republican Convention, which was more or less a straight fight between Eisenhower and Taft, the Democrats will have seven avowed candidates and 13 "dark horses."

President Truman is believed to favour Governor Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois, for nomination. Gov. Stevenson has disclaimed intention of running for national office, but he is believed to be "available."

While the President is known to have good relations with both Vice-President Barkley and Mr. Averell Harriman he has withheld his endorsement from their campaigns for nomination. He has shown no support for the candidacy of Senator Kefauver, but it is believed that he would not oppose his nomination for the Vice-Presidency.

Among the other contenders for the Democratic nomination are Senator Richard Russel of Georgia, "favourite son" of the Southern States, and Senator Robert Kerr of Oklahoma.

An old friend and party associate of Mr. Truman said today that the President would insist that the election be fought on a "fair deal" platform.

He considered this the best hope of beating Eisenhower, and would oppose any watering down of the foreign and domestic policies, for which he has campaigned since entering the White House.

Stassen Sees Ike At Breakfast

CHICAGO, Saturday (AP). — General Eisenhower's first visitor today was Mr. Harold Stassen, who arrived at breakfast time — just as he had the two previous mornings.

It was Mr. Stassen's Minnesota delegation which swung the vote to enable Eisenhower to win the Presidential nomination yesterday on the first ballot.

Stassen told reporters that he is returning to his post as President of the University of Pennsylvania.

Ike Promises 'Great Crusade'

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter). — General Eisenhower promised to lead "a great crusade — for freedom in America and freedom in the World" in his acceptance speech to the Republican Convention yesterday.

"Our aims — the aims of this Republican crusade, — are clear: to sweep from office an administration which had fastened on every one of us the arrogance and corruption in high places, the heavy burdens and anxieties which are the bitter fruits of a party too long in power."

The General promised to give the country a "programme of progressive policies drawn from our finest Republican traditions," and "to build up a sure foundation for sound prosperity for all here at home and for a just and sure peace in the world."

Many Taft supporters avoided applauding the speech, and others held a "protest" meeting elsewhere. Some of General MacArthur's supporters attacked Eisenhower as a "new dealer" and blamed Senator Taft for not having switched his vote to MacArthur when it became apparent that the Senator was unable to win against General Eisenhower.

Europe Welcomes Taft's Defeat

PARIS, Saturday.—Relief was expressed throughout wide official and unofficial circles in Western Europe at the news of General Eisenhower's nomination as Republican candidate, as apprehension regarding the dangers to Europe which would result from a victory for anti-European isolationism had been widespread.

British, French, German and Turkish Ministers avoided any official comment on the grounds that this would constitute interference in U.S. internal affairs, but Austrian, Italian, and Belgian Government spokesmen welcomed the nomination.

An Austrian official spokesman called the nomination "a great relief for the entire European continent."

The Italian Defence Minister, Rodolfo Pacciardi, former fighter in Spain's International Brigade and Partisan in Northern Italy during World War II, said that the nomination was a "splendid choice," as Eisenhower is "a great international personality."

The Belgian Minister of Defence, Col. de Greef, claimed: "We in Europe have great faith in the General."

Moscow Radio broadcast the nomination without comment, but the East German News Agency claimed that Eisenhower's group had bought his votes with "Wall Street money."

Pauker Charged with Sabotage

BERLIN, Saturday (AP). — The Communists today accused Mme Anna Pauker of siding with wealthy estate owners in Rumania and sabotaging the collective farm system. The charge was levelled by Mr. Gheorghe Gheorghiu Dej, Secretary-General of the Communist Party, in an article published in the Cominform journal.

The article amounted to an indictment.

Mme Pauker, once the Amazon of Communist politics, has been deprived of all her high jobs, including the role of Foreign Minister. In disclosing a week ago that she had been thrown into disgrace, the Communists hurled complaints that she had acted in a manner inimical to the Party and the State.

Mr. Gheorgiu Dej wrote that Mme Pauker, with the connivance of Vasil Luca and Mr. Tuchan Gheorgescu, had committed two "crimes":

- She helped former estate owners to get back part of their land which had been seized by the State, and led a drive to break up the collective farm system.
- She formed her own opposition inside the Party — a cardinal offence in the Communist world.

"We must have more revolutionary watchfulness," Gheorghiu Dej continued. "We have no right to believe that the enemy of the working class does not exist in our country. It has to be pointed out that a number of people in our Party and in our Government are still very careless. All forms of opportunism have to be liquidated immediately."

THEY spent a week in Paris YOU have a chance to go to N.Y.

These five members of the Binyaney Ha'ooma Association spent a week in Paris, where they visited the Museum of Modern Art, the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Rodin Museum and many other places of historic and cultural interest. Each evening was filled by a visit to the opera, ballet, theatre or concert.

Binyaney Ha'ooma members will have another opportunity to broaden their horizons by travelling to New York for a 2 weeks' trip. Become a member of the Binyaney Ha'ooma Association.

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Social & Personal

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben Gurion were guests at the President's house in Rehovot for tea on Friday.

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Sir Francis Evans, British Minister to Israel, and Mr. Osmond Charles William Fuhrman, Australian Minister to Israel, called on Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, Acting President and Knesset Speaker, on Thursday and again presented their letters of credence, which now bear the signature of Queen Elizabeth.

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Msgr. Philippos Mangiero, the first [illegible] Bishop in Israel, called on the Acting President, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, on Thursday. Msgr. Mangiero is to be stationed in Jerusalem.

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The Minister of Justice, Mr. Haim Cohen, has assumed the authority of Attorney General, it was announced in Reshumot over the Minister's signature. He will meet the press at the Ministry in Jerusalem at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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The American, French and Belgian national days, which all fall in July, were celebrated at a garden party at the former Government House in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon, given by Major General William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, and American, French and Belgian officers of the Truce Supervision Organization.

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A Council on Pedagogy, composed of 16 educators, has been appointed by the Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Benzion Dinaburg. They are to advise the Ministry in questions involving basic principles of education in this country.

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Mr. Hillel Dan, of the Solel Boneh directorate, returned by Air France on Thursday night from a two-day visit to Europe for consultations with the Israel Delegation to the German reparations talks, of which he is a technical adviser.

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George Singer, who will return shortly from abroad, has been appointed permanent conductor of the "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. He has resigned from his post as conductor of the Hebrew National Opera.

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Miss Lotte Leonard, the vocal teacher, was the guest of honour at a reception given yesterday by Mr. Marc Lavry, the conductor, at his home in Jerusalem.

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Mr. Meir Margalit, of "Ohel", returned by El Al on Thursday night, after a three-months visit to South Africa on behalf of the World Hebrew Union.

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Mr. Zalman Kotler, the journalist, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his writing career at his home in Jerusalem this week-end. Mr. B. Cordish, Chairman of the Journalists' Association, presented the greetings of the press.

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Prof. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, adviser to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, is to speak on "Down to Earth" at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem at 8.15 o'clock tomorrow evening. A documentary film on the Huleh will be shown.

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Rev. G. R. Upton, Missionary Secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada will be the special speaker tonight at the Combined Evangelical Services at 7.30 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall.

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Another broadcast in the Protestant Christian communities series will be given today at 5.15 p.m. over Kol Yisrael. The programme will be in charge of the Rev. William L. Hull of Zion Christian Mission, Jerusalem.

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Mr. David Zakai, of Tel Aviv, is to speak on "My Way as an Amateur Astronomer" at Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem at 8.15 o'clock this evening.

BIRTH

GUTTMAN — To Ruth and Louis Guttman on July 12, 1952, at Shaarei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem — a daughter.

OBITUARY

Dr. HEINRICH GLUECKSMANN

The death took place in Haifa of Dr. Heinrich Glucksmann of Gedera at the age of 65, after prolonged illness.

Memorial at Herzl Tomb Today

A memorial torch was lit last night at the tomb of Herzl on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem on the eve of Kaf Tammuz, the 48th anniversary of his death.

The National Institutions and Municipality buildings in Jerusalem were also illuminated for the occasion.

The annual Mt. Herzl memorial service will take place at 7.30 this evening. The programme will be broadcast over loud-speakers throughout Jerusalem.

The Herzl room in the Jewish National Fund Head Office is to be opened in the morning from 9 to 1 and from 3 to 6 in the afternoon.

The Tel Aviv Municipal Council will hold a special meeting at the Municipal Council Hall at 8.30 this evening.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Schneider, 18 Ben Yehuda, 3841. Bet Israel, Bet Israel, 2351. TEL AVIV — Merope, 77 Allenby, 3487. Greenberg, 66 King George, 62043. Kirovez, 22 Hayarkon, 3566. Akva, 165 Dizengoff, 4717. Hadassah, Hatikva Qr., 67880. Noga, Jaffa, 3 Rehov 298, 80896. RAMAT GAN — Ramat Gan, 51 Bialik. Givatayim — Noga, opp. Fire Brigade. HAIFA — Pevzner, 27 Pevzner, 6871. Massor, Garden, 17 German Colony, 4733. Kiryat Bialik — Bialik, 7230.

Supreme Court to be Enlarged To Nine; Three New Judges

POST Legal Reporter

Far-reaching changes in Court administration, including the acceleration of proceedings, are under consideration, Mr. Haim Cohen, the new Minister of Justice, told *The Post* on Friday. The Minister is also preparing a list of candidates for the Supreme Court, to be submitted to the Cabinet shortly. (The final decision lies in the hands of the Knesset.)

Owing to the pressure of work in the High Court, two District Court judges now sit temporarily on the Supreme Court for periods of three months. It is intended therefore to appoint three new justices in order to increase the size of the Bench from seven to nine, and at the same time to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Justice Dunkelblum.

Mr. Cohen reiterated unequivocally in the course of the interview that he will take no step affecting the Bar Association or the Judiciary without consulting them beforehand. In line with this policy, he stated he will not make use of his power to make Rules of Court (governing procedure) without meeting with the Judges.

Remaining A.G.

The right to make appointments to the Legal Council, however, is exclusively his, the Minister declared, and he feels himself free to reject the Bar Association nominees should he regard them as unfit for nomination. (The Bar Executive told *The Post* on Wednesday that Mr. Cohen had confirmed the appointment of two advocates to the Council, whose rejection by Dr. Dov Joseph, former Minister of Justice, precipitated a clash between the Association and the Ministry.)

The Minister, who is to continue holding his former office of Attorney General at the request of the Cabinet, stated that he had been given assurances of cooperation by the Judiciary.

While negotiating with the Palestine Potash Company Ltd. in England, Mr. Cohen had also briefed Israel's legal representatives there on foreign securities and abandoned property. As a result of the forced sale of foreign securities—many of which are held in England—to the Treasury and following the acquisition of abandoned property, insured with English firms, by the Custodian of Absentee Property, suits have been begun in England in which the State of Israel appears as a plaintiff or defendant.

Strong support for making the State liable for the civil wrongs committed by its employees, was voiced by Mr. Cohen. The Knesset is now considering a Bill of this nature. If it becomes law, the citizen may find in it a safeguard, additional to the order nisi in dealing with the Executive.

Inquiry into Timber Used for Furniture

HAIFA, Saturday. — The State Controller is inquiring into the source of the wood from which the Ogen Shipyard here manufactured furniture for the use of persons in high positions in Histadrut enterprises, public institutions and Government departments operating in Haifa Port.

The inquiry follows the suspension from their posts of two Ogen executives on the strength of the findings of a Solel Boneh Workers' Committee, which had examined allegations against them. The timber from which the furniture was made is believed to have come from Haifa Port. A watchman has now been posted between the Ogen yard and the adjoining timber-stacking area.

The list of furniture includes dressing tables, dinner tables, armchairs, four-door wardrobes and four-door buffets.

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REVIEW OF OPINION IN FRIDAY'S PRESS

Hoofien Made Himself Spokesman Of Bourgeoisie, Says 'Davar'

Mr. Hoofien's speech at the annual conference of the Bank Leumi lost much of its value because he made himself the spokesman of the Israel bourgeoisie and its living standard, said "Davar" (Histadrut) in its editorial. He declared that its standard is not high and cannot be compared with conditions in other countries.

"Davar" says in reply that of course it cannot be compared with the income of the owners of the largest enterprises in the U.S., but that it does not compare badly with other progressive industrial countries, if we take into consideration that our bourgeoisie has reached only the first stage in its economic activities. Mr. Hoofien did not intend to say, of course, that the bourgeoisie should not lower its standard, but he wished to express his opinion that the lowering of its standard alone will not be enough to bring about a change in the situation.

Sound Ideas

His speech also contained several sound economic ideas, said "Davar." Not all economic initiative must be welcomed, and there should be control of foreign investments. The establishment of too many factories in a certain field cannot be allowed, if we know in advance that we cannot secure the necessary raw materials and if there is no hope for export.

Mr. Hoofien's fundamental idea — the freezing of wages without due planning and without taking into account considerations of social justice — is in sharp contrast to the Government and Histadrut economic policy and is at the same time a retreat from the ideas of the school of "economic liberalism."

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) believes that Mr. Hoofien has done a service to the country. The paper says that he blamed the public no less than the Government and included all classes in his criticism. He is convinced that even at this late hour our economy might recover though there will have to be sacrifices on the part of the public. The paper joins Mr Hoofien in his belief that all private initiative will be paralyzed if the income tax in the higher income brackets is in "exploitive" proposition. On the other hand, says the paper, there is no doubt that the whole system of collecting income tax should be made more efficient. However "the national income is not increased as a result of its redistribution."

Opposition Speech

"Haboker" (General Zionist) said that Mr. Hoofien's criticism was neither new nor of a political character and alleged that the same charges were made in the (rightwing) opposition papers long ago. However, it was an opposition speech although his criticism was only partial and reserved, while Mr. Y. Greenbaum's reply was the "impulsive reaction of a class doctrinaire which is very far from a national approach to the issue."

These people were merely interested in that part of the speech in which Mr. Hoofien dealt with the living standard of the rich: they cannot allow that somebody should get more than the next man. The paper concludes by saying that many people support the present government because they believe that only this government can influence the working masses. This is a false notion, said "Haboker"; no government could have as little educational influence on the workers as the present one.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) published the Hoofien speech at great length without, however, commenting on it (apart from publishing Mr. J. Greenbaum's short remarks during the same meeting). Dr. Sneh, writing in the same paper, revised his original proposal made in the Knesset debate (that we should try to obtain equipment for oil drilling from the Soviet Union). He said that the Minister of Finance ostensibly accepted this proposal, but that it is obvious that the present government will not be able to procure the necessary help. A change of government is necessary if we are to receive the technical equipment.

U.N. Expert Recommends Port Streamlining

By YA'ACOV ARDON

THE work of loading and discharging cargo is a single, continuous operation although it is carried out in the hold of the ship, on deck, on the quay, on a lighter alongside the ship or inside a shed, Dr. Stern stresses. Any interruption of work in one place automatically produces stoppages elsewhere.

"The present division of gangs into different sections, each one controlled by a different company and each under different foremen, is comparable to an orchestra with several conductors, one for the piano, one for the drums, one for the violins, and so on, with each playing a separate tune," a report by Dr. Boris Stern, U.N. Technical Assistance expert for labour productivity, states. In these divisions the expert sees a major cause for the low productivity of the Port.

Dr. Stern has proposed to organize all gangs moving cargo from ship to final place of rest in a single team supervised by a single foreman. The size of the gangs is to vary with the type of cargo, its destination—for temporary storage in the Port or for direct delivery to the importer — and the distance over which it has to be moved. All stevedores inside the hold of a ship, between four and eight men, operate under a working sub-foreman responsible for the safety of men and cargo, for the use of suitable equipment and for the avoidance of overloading. The unit of men working on the deck of ships, winchmen and signalman, are supervised by the latter. He is responsible for the careful movement of cargo from ship to shore and for the avoidance of accidents and damage to ship, cargo and equipment.

"The shore unit of two to six men, who receive and unload the sling on trucks or trailers, and the tractor drivers who remove the load and return with empty trailers, have proved a potential bottleneck to the entire process," Dr. Stern has pointed out. "Time and again the sling with cargo can be seen hanging in mid-air because there is no equipment to receive it or because the receivers are engaged in handling the cargo delivered in the previous sling," the report goes on. "This unit of the team should be under the supervision of the gang foreman himself. Only thus can the flow of work from the ship be maintained and damage be avoided. If another unit is needed to take cargo into a shed or straight to railcars, another sub-foreman will be responsible for proper stacking and for the quick turn-around of tractors and trailers.

Shift Operations

Dr. Stern describes shift operations in the port as follows: "...Most of the work is concentrated during the day shift, with a smaller number of workers engaged during a second shift, and a semblance of work done occasionally by a third shift... Certain foremen and workers appear to be working more than one shift largely because the second and third shifts carry overtime pay. Some work only night shifts as others refuse to work at night... Considerable favouritism and much dissatisfaction on the part of many workers who are not in a position to obtain favours appear to exist. A distribution of earnings of the workers for March 1952, a busy month, and for December 1951, a slack month, shows that many workers do not earn as much as IL.50 a month while some earn in excess of IL.300."

Dr. Stern proposes the introduction of two shifts, approximately equal in number of hours and workers. They will work from 6.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and from 4.30 p.m. to 11.30. The hour interval will be used to manoeuvre ships to and from the quay, to shift rail transport and to service mechanical equipment. All gangs will share the second shift on equal basis, and favouritism will no longer be tolerated. Buses have been provided so that the men ending their work at midnight will not have to wait for transport home.

Permanent gangs have been formed so that the same workers will be supervised by the same foreman, and with the same fellow workers all the time, whether on the day or night shifts. "Steady gangs are needed in Israel, since the workers are newcomers from many different lands and speak so many different languages... A gang of men from the same country of origin and speaking the same language would be a more cohesive and productive unit than a mixed group," Dr. Stern believes.

The improvement of working conditions calls for the completion of the workers' restaurant, rest rooms, washrooms lockers and drinking water fountains. The workers have also demanded remission on income tax payments due them and a regular supply of extra food because of their hard physical labour.

Cooperation Secured

Dr. Stern has already achieved success in one respect in which all previous attempts at reform failed: he has obtained the agreement of the Haifa Labour Council, the contracting companies and the Port Management, to cooperate in carrying out his scheme. One point in Dr. Stern's report deserves special mention: He does not believe that Israeli workers are inherently negligent, lazy or indifferent to their work. "I don't believe that labour is largely responsible for lower productivity," he told the Haifa Port Enquiry Committee. "It takes the sum total of good management and good foremen who know what they want from the workers."

This emphasis on the role of efficient management as a prerequisite for a reasonable level of labour productivity deserves attention throughout industry. The examples of Kaiser-Frazer, of the Ata Textile Works and a few others prove that Israeli workers, despite many handicaps, can hold their own with those of other countries. The satisfactory standard of efficiency in citrus handling in Haifa Port — largely the outcome of proper organization and the incentive system — proves that other functions of the port can be equally improved.

"I am not here to criticize, there is already too much of that," Dr. Stern said in an interview. "I am trying to suggest and personally to put into operation a reorganized system of cargo handling intended substantially to increase the labour productivity in Haifa Port and at the same time to raise the morale of the workers. If such a programme were to be applied constructively to the other parts of the port, such as administration and the relations between Port and Railways, much could be done to improve conditions in the port which is the only open road to Israel in peacetime and particularly in an emergency."

Dr. Stern believes that the cargo handling capacity of Haifa Port could be doubled. In the light of his study, it is astonishing that our Planning Authority should have declared the Port to be of inadequate dimension for the country's current and future needs, without first investigating the possibility of "expanding" existing facilities through reorganization, and increase of productivity.

This is the second of two articles on the Port by our Haifa Correspondent. The first appeared on July 9.

Commonwealth Runners in Form

The British Olympic squad played host last week at a track and field meet to Commonwealth athletes, who took all the honours. The Jamaica quartet of quartermilers ran the mile relay in the good time of 3:13.2 with George Rhoden, early-book favourite for the 400 metres at Helsinki, turning in a last leg of 46.8 seconds. Jamaica won by 50 yards from England and Wales. Running with Rhoden was Arthur Wint, 1948 Olympics 400 metre winner, Byron LaBeach and Herb McKenley. The time was a new Empire record. Rhoden also ran 3,000 yards in the creditable time of 30.4, while McKenley did 20.8 in another race.

World "High" Equalled

The Australian women's relay Marjorie Jackson and Shirley Strickland, equalled the world record of 46.9 seconds in the 4x100m. relay race.

Marjorie Jackson also clocked a very fine 11.7 seconds in the 100 metres, the best time ever registered in England, and followed this with a 24.4 seconds in the 200 metres, the second fastest time run in the world this year.

Shirley Strickland, her compatriot, ran the 80 metres hurdles in 11.4 seconds.

E MacDonald Bailey, world record holder, covered the 100 metres in 10.6 seconds against a strong wind, to prove he was still up to world standard. One surprise was the defeat of England's 800 metre "hope" Roger Bannister in the race over this distance when A. Webster pipped him by half a yard in 1:55.7.

The tournament included a triangular contest between an England-Wales team and one each from Scotland and Ireland, which the combination won by 110 points, followed by Scotland (66) and Ireland (34).

Durban July Handicap

Mougli, a 4-year-old black colt, owned by Mr. A.R. Ellis and ridden by Basil Lewis, last week won Durban's £12,000 July Handicap by a short head from Radlington. Prince Bertrand was third. The race, South Africa's turf classic, was run over a mile and two and a half furlongs. The Judges called for a photo before announcing the winner.

ISRAEL REFEREE AT HELSINKI

Max Schneider, Israel soccer referee, will be one of the officials at the Olympic Games Soccer Competition, although Israel has not sent a football team to the Games. He has just completed a week's course in Switzerland, to which he was invited, together with referees from other nations, by the F.I.F.A. (International Football Federation).

News has been received here of the preparations being made in Helsinki for the arrival of Israel's team. They will be housed in the Olympic Village, and the Israel flag will be flown above the house. The contingent will also be received by the Mayor of Helsinki.

On the first Saturday after their arrival, expected to be July 19, the Israelis are to attend a service in Helsinki's largest synagogue. After the Games are completed, a banquet will be held at which the team will be guests of honour together with all other Jewish athletes who come as members of other teams.

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

A number of Olympic champions were on view during the annual Henley Royal Regatta on the River Thames over last week-end, and a number of records went by the board. Mervyn Wood, of Australia, acknowledged the world's best sculler, beat the holder, Tony Fox, of England, to gain the Diamond Challenge Sculls, which he had previously held. He won easily by 2 ½ lengths in 8.12 seconds.

The Leander crew, comprised of old Cambridge "blues", England's Olympic crew, in a terrific tussle with Australia's Olympic set-up, the Sydney Rowing Club, beat the course record to win the Grand Challenge Cup. In timing 6.38 seconds, Leander knocked five seconds off the previous best time set in 1949. Pennsylvania University, the holders, retained their Thames Cup title when they beat Christ College, Cambridge, by ¾ length in the final.

Where to go

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8-2: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Romema. Bus 15. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.
9-1; 3-6: Exhibitions—Pioneers of [illegible] Etching. Oil paintings by P. Litvinovsky. Sculpture by M. Antokolsky. Exhibit of the mosaic Greek wine jug, bronze, about 4th century C.E., found at Beisan, in memory of the late M. René Neuville, Consul General of France in Jerusalem. Bezalel Museum.
9-1: Art Library. Bezalel Museum.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions. 23 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.
10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of gouaches and watercolours by David Hendler and drawings by Aviva Uri. Also Sales Exhibition of works by Jerusalem Artists. Artists House.
11-1; 5-7: Exhibition of Children's Art. Israel Touring Club, Talbieh.

★ TEL AVIV ★

10-1: Exhibition of paintings by Leo Kahn. Also Exhibition of Applied Art in Israel. Lithographs by modern English artists. Museum.
8 p.m.: "Of Mice and Men," Chamber Theatre. Mograbi Hall.

★ HAIFA ★

8-1.30: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue.

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460, 226, 217, 48.9 M.

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A MAN SUSPECTED of smuggling persons into Jordan was arrested in Bet Safafa by Jerusalem police on Friday. Magistrate Y. Cohen ordered him remanded for ten days pending investigation.

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BEGINNING TUESDAY, the following offices of the Custodian of Absentee Property will begin operation in Jerusalem. Main Office and Public Relations and Control Department, Generali Bldg., Tel. 4611; Accounts and Legal Departments, Post Office building, German Colony, Tel. 3611. Other Departments will remain at their present offices until further notice.

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THE INTERMINISTERIAL Committee examining proposals to amend the Rent Law is to finish its discussions this week, it was announced.

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THREE CHICKEN thieves were arrested in the Hatikva quarter of Tel Aviv on Friday, when an argument over the loot caused enough disturbance to attract the attention of a policeman. The poultry was stolen from Ya'acov Moshon of the same quarter.

16 U.N. Experts Aiding Israel

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Sixteen experts from Denmark, France, the United Kingdom and the United States, are working in Israel today, under the U.N. Technical Assistance Programme, the Commercial and Industrial Club was told yesterday by Dr. Sune Carlson, head of the Technical Aid group here.

In addition, Israelis have been given fellowships and are studying abroad. Two are studying public administration in England and Sweden, another is studying government printing in the U.S., two are studying field crops in America and one is studying horticulture in India and Ceylon. One Israel medical expert had been recruited by the World Health Organization and a fellowship holder from India is studying here in the field of social welfare. This, Dr. Carlson said, demonstrated the international character of the programme.

Israel requested between 30 and 40 experts, covering such varied fields as the exploitation of peat deposits, textile production, cigar manufacture, public administration and the employment of the blind.

The International Labour Organization had one productivity expert in the country but arrangements have been made for several more, covering such fields as vocational guidance, industrial engineering, occupational analysis and social security statistics.

On the UNESCO programme, experts will come to work together with the National Physics Research Laboratory, the Haifa Technion and the Weizmann Institute. Two experts were working in Lydda in the civil aviation field, while the main projects in the health programme were the tuberculosis demonstration and training centre, a school of nursing, a central diagnostic laboratory and a rehabilitation programme for immigrants.

A total of 75 fellowships had been awarded to Israelis.

The speaker said that in some technical fields results may be seen quickly, but in such fields as public administration and economic planning it would take a long time for results to be felt. Dr. Carlson also said that the purpose of the programme would be to help Israel help itself.

BABIES' BATHS IN SHOPS SOON

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The production of low-priced utility babies' baths, made of galvanized steel, will commence this week and the first baths will be in shops within 10 days, it was learned from the Production Section of the Ministry of Commerce here yesterday.

The baths, on the shape of which the Ministry had decided in consultation with manufacturers, will be about one metre long and 30 centimetres wide and will be deep enough to immerse a baby.

The product will be sold freely in shops and large numbers are to be manufactured, since baths have been in very short supply for months.

At present, when a woman leaves a maternity ward she is given a permit for a bath and told to take it to a Ministry of Commerce office for stamping. She can then buy a bath at a Hamashbir Hamerkazi store.

IL.6m. J'lem Budget To be Tabled Soon

A IL.6m. budget for the 1952/53 fiscal year is to be tabled soon in the Jerusalem Municipal Council by coalition members, it was learned in Jerusalem on Friday.

Unlike last year, the new budget is to be balanced. Expenditures last year were IL.3,134,743 and income was IL.2,534,612.

Regarding expenditures, the new budget presumes that municipal employees will be cut by 20 per cent, but that wages will rise by 44 per cent. A considerable increase is noted for fuel, electricity, and other municipal services.

On the income side, the budget presumes a 117 per cent increase in the per capita tax burden, from IL.5.850 to IL.12.700. The overall income from rate-payers, however, is to be increased by 161 per cent. Government participation is budgetted to rise by 100 per cent.

Sources of Income

Income is to be derived from the following sources: increased evaluation of taxable property; three new taxes, the garbage rate, and the Municipality's share of the income and luxury taxes; improved tax collection; and a 100 per cent rise in the price of water. Since April 1, water costs 300 pruta a cubic meter, instead of 150 pruta.

The garbage collection rate, which will follow the enactment of a special municipal by-law, is to be IL.6 for each inhabited room and up to 30 per cent of the general municipal rate for other premises. It is to be collected from Government offices and other institutions as well as from private premises.

According to the Income Tax amendment, now being discussed in the Knesset, the Finance Ministry is to collect from each taxpayer 7.5 per cent more than his actual income tax liability as the municipality's share. This is expected to bring in IL.300,000 for Jerusalem.

The Finance Minister has announced that 20 per cent of the Luxury Tax collected in any locality is to be handed over to the local municipality. For Jerusalem this sum is estimated to be IL.200,000.

Budget Details

A breakdown of the proposed budget shows that taxes are to furnish IL.2,820,487 (a 198 per cent increase over 1951/52); property owners for road building and water lines, IL.187,000 (452 p.c. more); water works, IL.860,000 (132 p.c. more). The Government's share in teachers salaries is to be IL.1,116,000 (56 p.c. more); participation in social welfare, IL.243,000 (119 p.c.); from the Health Ministry, IL.26,000 (1,481 p.c. more); a Government general allocation, IL.400,000; and a Government special allocation, IL.300,000.

Expenditures are to be allocated as follows: Administration IL.822,000 (187 p.c. more); Services (water, health, education) IL.3,042,000 (45 p.c. more); public works, IL.287,500 (34 p.c. more); water works, IL.1,211,000 (165 p.c. more); debts, IL.700,000 (288 p.c. more), and reserves, IL.127,000 (1,228 p.c. more).

Public Probe Into Jaffa Port Fire

TEL AVIV, Saturday (Itim).—Chief Magistrate E. Malhi, in consultation with Mr. S. Zohar and Mr. A. Shmilgovski, Chief and Deputy Chief of the district Police Criminal Branch, decided here yesterday to open an inquiry into the circumstances of the Jaffa Port fire of July 4. His decision, he said, was prompted by the frequent fires which had occurred in the district recently.

The hearing of witnesses will begin on July 22, and the sessions will be open to the public. Anyone wishing to testify may do so, Mr. Malhi said, provided he submitted a written summary of his intended testimony in advance.

Having made his decision, Mr. Malhi yesterday went to inspect the remains of the Jewish Agency store and that of the Shekem army canteens supplies in Jaffa and requested plans of the area and photographs. Press photographers, who were among the first on the scene of the fire, will be invited to submit their photographs to the Court.

GRAIN DESTROYED BY FIRE

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday (ITIM). — Hundreds of dunams of grain were burnt in a fire which raged for four hours and threatened the explosives store of the American Stone Quarries company near Tira village, at the southern end of the "Little Triangle," yesterday.

Petah Tikva firemen fought the fire and prevented it spreading to the stores of dynamite. The cause of the fire, or the extent of the damage, have not yet been ascertained.

RABBI JAILED

HAIFA, Saturday. — Rabbi Abraham Winkelstein, of Haifa, was sentenced by the Magistrate to spend seven days in jail and to sign a bond of IL.100 to be of good behaviour for one year, for breaking into a Christian Missionary school, at the head of a group of Hassidim, and beating up a Christian teacher, Mr. Ze'ev Kaufman.

Four Stowaways Now Under Arrest

HAIFA, Saturday. — The four Spanish stowaways, who fled from their country aboard the s.s. Elath, are now under arrest in the Haifa station of the border patrol police, it was announced today.

Ranging in age from 19 to 24, the youths said they had stowed away in order to escape from the Franco regime while the Israel ship was at anchor in a Spanish port. The Foreign Ministry is to decide if they can be regarded as political refugees.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV — Rations for labourers: Sugar and noodles, 400 grams each, coupon 1, Nono Coffee and tea ration on coupon Lamed 4 and 14, not Lamed 40.

Discrimination Charge Against Ministry

Charging that Hamashbir Hamerkazi and Hameshavek were being given preferential treatment by the Ministry of Commerce in the allocation of material to manufacture "Lakol" furniture, the "Merkaz Rehite Lakol," a union of furniture makers, yesterday applied for and was issued an order nisi against Dr. A. Porat of the Ministry.

The official is being called upon to show cause why he should not give due consideration to the applicant's tenders to the Ministry, and why he should not give the union its share of work in accordance with the terms of the invitation to tender.

Claiming that Hamashbir is not a manufacturer within the terms of the request for the tender, the applicant alleged that the Ministry is about to give 60 per cent of the material to the cooperative. Special terms are being made for Hamashbir, including the right to market 30 per cent of the produced goods.

The respondent, who was also called upon to show cause why he should not cease dealing with groups not included within the invitation to tender, was ordered not to allocate the quantity of material which concerns the furniture union, until a final decision is made.

Mr. Mizrahi appeared for the applicant.

INFERIOR GOODS IMPOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Ministry of Commerce inspectors yesterday impounded 1,784 dozen stockings, 333 dozen sets of various knitwear, 158 kilos of tricot yarn and 345 kilos of cotton goods yesterday, in a search of the premises of Pinchas Gilzer, owner of the "Storan" factory in Rehov Yael here. The goods were found to be under weight and therefore of inferior quality.

Holon Wants Saturday Transport to Bat Yam

HOLON, Saturday (Itim). — The Traffic Committee of the Holon Municipality, against the opposition of its Hapoel Hamizrahi member, has decided to recommend to the Municipality that a Municipal service be operated on Saturday from Holon to the Bat Yam seashore, as without such a service local residents cannot enjoy their Shabbat rest.

The Ehed Bus Cooperative has rejected a request by the Holon Municipality to operate 60 buses a day from Holon to the beach, saying that they have no vehicles available.

The Holon Municipality has agreed to pay the Bat Yam Local Council part of the expenses of upkeep of the Bat Yam beach, in view of the many Holon residents who now use it.

RED CROSS. — The alliance of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the Soviet Union is sending a delegation of eight members to the 18th International Red Cross conference at Toronto, according to a usually reliable source in Moscow.

T.A. Taxis Have A Clear Road

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Taxis here had an open road in town and throughout the surrounding area today, the first day of the traffic restrictions covering all types of road transport, lorries and commercial vehicles as well as private cars. During the past two week-ends private cars and taxis were absent from the roads on Saturday, but many trucks were in use. Today, apart from taxis which had chosen weekdays for their "rest" days, only a few privileged cars, with their white triangles and bars, and some police cars and military vehicles were to be seen.

The taxis plying on "sherut" were crowded with Tel Avivians going to the beaches at Bat Yam or Herzlia.

The Sharon Hotel at Herzlia reported that while it was fully booked up, road restrictions were felt in the fewer visitors coming out for individual meals or for the day. This week was better than last, the manager said, as taxis were running again, whereas last week only a few guests had arrived by truck.

Later Buses

As from tomorrow, buses here will run half an hour later than during the past three weeks, as permission has been received from the Controller of Road Transport for the last buses to leave their stations at 11.30 instead of 11 o'clock, as originally ordered under the restrictions. Cinemas and theatres will, therefore, be able to return to their previous times of performances. A limited number of buses will again be placed at the disposal of theatre and cinema-goers after the late performances.

On Saturday nights buses will operate till midnight. The Dan bus cooperative has also been permitted to return its empty vehicles to garages after the official closing hours, and to operate a limited number of buses to take late drivers home after they have completed their work. When the restrictions on hours of bus services first came into force, empty buses returning to their garages, or vehicles taking drivers home after hours, were stopped by the police and charged with movement during restricted hours.

A Tel Aviv taxi driver who tried to bribe a local policeman to keep him from reporting a traffic violation in Allenby Road on Friday was arrested and released in bond. The IL.5 bribe money was confiscated.

Another taxi driver was detained for attacking a policeman who warned him of dangerous driving.

Haifa Traffic Police Caught 48 Trucks

HAIFA, Saturday. — Traffic police, who have been working an average of 12 hours a day since the new transport restrictions went into force, caught 48 offending truck drivers yesterday. Six were driving although their vehicles should have been resting, 20 had not yet made up their minds, which rest-day to choose, and 22 did not show their rest day on their windshield; 26 of the offenders had their licences revoked for a month, and all 48 are facing trial.

Traffic police constables draw no over-time pay for extra hours of duty.

Truck Impounded while Acting as Ambulance

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Acting on the instructions of the local doctor, a sick child from Faluja "B" village was brought to the Hadassah Hospital here by the village truck today. The doctor had known that the vehicle was not registered to travel on Saturday.

Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was examined, treated and sent back by the truck, as there was no room for him. His attendants were told to bring him back here tomorrow.

On the return journey to Faluja "B," the truck was stopped by police and impounded for travelling on its "rest" day. The child was taken back to the village by police car.

70-YEAR-OLD MAN KILLED BY CAR

A 70-year old worker of the Jewish National Fund's Afforestation Department, Shikh Hasan, of Ein Karem, was fatally injured by a car near Kilometre 21 on the Jerusalem road on Thursday evening. He was getting out of a tender in the middle of the road when another car passed and ran him over. He was taken to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem where he died Friday morning.

Nine persons were slightly injured in a collision between a taxi and a private car with a New York licence plate, owned by a tourist, in Rehov Ben Yehuda in Tel Aviv last night.

Potash Accord To Be Signed Soon

Lord Glenconner, Chairman of Palestine Potash Ltd., is expected in Israel on July 22 to sign the agreement setting up the new potash exploitation company, the Dead Sea Works, according to Mr. M. A. Novomeysky, Managing Director of the retiring firm.

In the course of a press interview broadcast over Kol Zion Lagola last night, Mr. Novomeysky said that legal difficulties had been the main obstacle in the path of resuming potash production. Other difficulties, such as the lack of a supply of fresh water at the southern end of the Dead Sea and the construction of a road to transport the mineral across the Northern Negev, were not considered to be serious deterrents.

Mr. Novomeysky explained that fresh water to clear the salt residue would not be needed until a year after the resumption of the works. He could not state definitely when the road would be finished, but said that he had heard it might be ready for use by the end of the year.

Following the signing of the agreement repair work on the machinery could begin immediately, Mr. Novomeysky said.

Israel Can Compete

The present cost of potash f.o.b. Antwerp was IL.14 a ton, Mr. Novomeysky explained, and added that Israel was able to compete in the world market. This country produced potash more cheaply than elsewhere because the major raw materials involved did not have to be imported.

There was a ready market for Israel potash, and there was enough of it to supply world demand for the next 1,500 years. Annual production, with the available machinery, would be about 200,000 tons.

Wilner Sued By Party Member

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—(Itim).—Mr. Meir Wilner, Communist MK., is being sued for IL.12,000 damages by a member of his Party, Mrs. Lea Chechik, whom he had allegedly called a "provocateuse" and had told that she was "mad and not normal." In a claim submitted to the District Court here yesterday, Mrs. Chechik stated that she had been a good Party member since 1947 and that Mr. Wilner was besmirching her name, thus causing her much harm.

The claimant also submitted a criminal claim to the Magistrate's Court here against two Communist Party members, Mr. Berko Klein, of Tel Aviv, and Miko Samo, of Jaffa, who, she alleges, had hit her during the Party's convention last May 29.

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Bishop Protests Use of Tsar Crown

HELSINKI, Saturday (Reuter) — Finland's Orthodox Bishop, Antonius, protested yesterday against the coronation at Long Beach, U.S., of the 18-year-old Finnish Beauty-Queen, Armi Kuusela, with a Russian Imperial wedding crown once used at the court of the Tsar.

In an interview with the press, the Bishop said that the placing of this crown on the head of a "scantily dressed woman during an un-Christian ceremony" was a breach of the U.N. statute requiring respect for religious views.

Miss Kuusela was chosen "Miss Universe" at a beauty contest in the U.S. last month.

Knesset Asked to Debate Nationality Law Again

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The League for Human and Civil Rights, at a meeting at the Mograbi Theatre hall last night, decided to request the Knesset to debate the Nationality Law again, with a view to affording equal rights to Arabs and Jews.

Under the Law a Jew acquires citizenship automatically by virtue of his return, whereas an Arab has to prove that he had been in Israel territory from the time of the establishment of the State, or that he had entered the country legally since.

Other speakers at the meeting included Mrs. Manya Schochat, Dr. A. Eisenstadt, Mr. Y. Gruenbaum, and Uri Avneri.

The meeting heard a letter in support of its demands sent to it by Mr. Moshe Smilansky, the writer, and resolved to enlarge its present scope of activities by recruiting more members. Present membership of the League is 1,500.

BOY SENTENCED FOR STEALING

A 13-year-old boy, found guilty of stealing IL.154 from a Jerusalem shop, was sentenced on Friday by Jerusalem Magistrate M. Even-Tov to three months in reform school. He was also bound over in the sum of IL.200 to be of good behaviour for two years.

The youth had formerly worked in the shop. (Itim)

GRAVELY INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENT

BET LIDD, Saturday. — A tender knocked down and gravely injured Makhlouf Rahamim, 20, outside the Immigrants hostel here last night. He was transferred to Hayarkon hospital, near Tel Aviv. The driver of the tender was arrested and released on bail.

POLICE BUY BONDS

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). —A cheque for $10,000, representing the purchase of Israel bonds by the Shomrim Society, an organization of 1,700 Jewish members of the New York City Police Department, was presented at City Hall yesterday.

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BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (Reuter).—The absence of Argentina's President, General Peron, from his office yesterday, lent weight to the general belief that his wife, Eva, is critically ill.

A bulletin issued last night stated that Senora Peron's condition remains delicate and unchanged. It also revealed that she underwent a serious operation last November.

Cables in Brief

FESTIVAL. — Representatives of the air forces of eleven nations on Friday took possession of Brussels where a [illegible] air festival of NATO countries will be held in the next three days.

STRIKE. — Over 4,000 workers on the printing and mechanical staffs of four Dublin newspaper offices and of the principal printing houses, went out on strike on Friday in support of new wage demands.

FIRE. — A multi-million fire was brought under control in Virginia, U.S., on Friday after raging unchecked through three acres of buildings until late at night.

PRINCE. — Prince Mohammed Talal Ben Al Rashid of Saudi Arabia arrived in Amsterdam on Friday with his two sons, Prince Talal 19 and Prince Mashar 12.

PAYMENTS. — An agreement creating a $100m. guarantee fund for the European Payments Union was signed in Paris on Friday.

SENTENCED. — Five Franciscan priests and two civilians were sentenced by a court at Mostar in Yugoslavia on Friday, to prison terms ranging from five to 18 years, Tanjug, the Yugoslav News Agency reported.

INVITED. — France has invited the Turkish Premier Menderes and Foreign Minister Koprulu to pay an official visit to Paris, Ankara radio reported on Friday night.

TRADE. — The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, said in a television interview on Friday night that he was in favour of "reasonable trade" with Russia and other Eastern European countries, though he was against sending them war materials.

PROGRESS. — Substantial progress was made in recent efforts to standardize armaments for NATO countries, U.S. Secretary of the Army, Frank Pace, said in Ottawa on Friday.

FLOODS. — More than 80 persons died, and about the same number are missing in floods in western and central Japan, according to unofficial estimates reported yesterday.

CRASH. — The Canadian airforce reported that a U.S. B.17 bomber with a crew of eight or nine, crashed northwest of Snag, near the Yukon, over the Alaskan border on Friday.

AUTHOR. — The British author, Somerset Maugham, will enter a nursing home at Nice early next week for a hernia operation. The author, who is 78, expects to be in the nursing home for about a fortnight.

CRASH. — A Brazilian military plane carrying 26 passengers and a crew of five crashed into the sea on Friday. It is feared that many lives were lost.

AGREEMENT. — An agreement was signed in Colombo on Friday between Canada and Ceylon under which Canada will give economic aid for the island's fisheries and rural development, as well as the Gal Oya Valley electrification projects.

APPOINTED. — Mr. Gaganvihari L. Mehta, a former journalist and businessman has been appointed Indian Ambassador to the U.S., it was announced in New Delhi yesterday.

HOLIDAY. — Austrians along the Soviet banks of the Danube yesterday celebrated as a national holiday the resumption of inter-zonal river shipping permitted by the Soviet authorities two weeks ago.

TRADE. — Czechoslovakia and Lebanon signed a commercial agreement yesterday providing for the exchange of [illegible] Lebanese Pounds ([illegible]) worth of goods.

TRIAL. — 100 non-Europeans appeared in Court at [illegible], South Africa, on Friday on charges of having allegedly conspired to commit public violence.

FOUR YOUTHS HELD FOR THEFT

Most of the articles stolen from the storehouse of Bet Hanoar Ha'ivri in Jerusalem last week were found on Friday hidden in a pit near the Schmidt school.

Four youths, all 16-years old, members of the club, were detained. Some of the articles, which included sports equipment and clothes, were found in their homes.

THIS WEEK

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WHO LIKES IKE?

IN order to secure the nomination for President of the United States, General Eisenhower had to appear on a conservative platform, more to the right than he and the planners of his election campaign liked. In order to make an impression on the electorate however, he will have to take a very different course from now on. Democrats are therefore hopeful: they believe that the General has compromised himself in his recent speeches, and this will weaken his appeal to the bulk of the undecided electors.

"I am strictly a no deal man," said the General, which means a "raw deal" for the worker, according to the C.I.O., and this will not be acceptable to a generation of Americans that has not entirely forgotten the depression of the early thirties. Propaganda against the danger of state intervention and "creeping socialism" will never erase the impression of that crisis which was overcome only by the New Deal. Even in the prosperity of today the number of the privileged is relatively small, and Eisenhower will not be able to restrict his appeal to them.

In ten days' time the Democratic convention is due to open in Chicago. A strong Democratic candidate is said to have at least an even chance to beat the General. This strong candidate, according to the same sources, is Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, who said three months ago that he would not be a candidate. Democratic politicians, however, believe that if Stevenson is nominated in a genuine "draft," he will not refuse. Stevenson has become known as a remarkably efficient Governor; he had to clean up one of the worst political machines in his state. He appears to be acceptable both to the Southern wing and the Northern New Dealers, and he is given greater chance at the present time of obtaining the Democratic nomination than all the other candidates.

Nothing is more infectious than success, and the Senator from Ohio had to concede defeat this time even earlier than he did at the 1940 and '48 conventions. After the Minnesota delegation had announced the decisive switch-over, there was a near stampede of delegates, afraid to miss the Eisenhower bandwagon, and only the diehards remained faithful to Taft.

The selection of Senator Richard Nixon as candidate for Vice-President appears to show that there was a deal in the offing between the General and the California delegation. If Eisenhower had not received the necessary majority on the first ballot, the strong group of West Coast delegates, headed by Governor Warren would have supported him at a later stage. As Warren had declared previously that he was not available for the Vice Presidency, it was therefore to go to one of the other better known California representatives, such as Senators Knowland or Nixon, and so it did — although Eisenhower did not need these strategic reserves.

Nixon incidentally came to national prominence during the early stages of the dramatic Alger Hiss-Whittaker Chambers duel. They appeared as witnesses before the Congressional committee investigating un-American activities, and were about to be dismissed when Nixon's suspicions were aroused by a number of inconsistencies in Hiss's replies. He continued to ask questions, and the rest of the story is well-known enough. Nixon earned a reputation as a campaigner against subversion and as an opponent of the Truman Administration's so-called socialist programme. This Eisenhower-Nixon team will be opposed in the November elections by the still unnamed Democratic candidates who, we are told, will campaign on the basis of Truman's Fair Deal.

13 to Face Charges For Attempt on Rhee

PUSAN, Saturday (Reuter). — A court martial of 13 opposition party members charged with complicity in a plot to assassinate President Syngman Rhee will open here next week, officials said today.

Two of the accused are members of the National Assembly. Three other Assemblymen are still in hiding.

Nine came out of hiding last week voluntarily or under duress to vote in the Assembly. None of them was arrested.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Broad Support for Oil Law

By GERDA LUFT

DURING the last few months the dividing line between the coalition and the opposition parties has become more and more pronounced. Last week, however, the Government enjoyed the support of a large majority which combined all the parties right of Mapam, including Herut. It is remarkable that not one of the groups which fight for the encouragement of private initiative challenged the basis of the Petroleum Bill which vests the property of oil in the State. This is a significant testimony to the social climate of this country. It is generally taken for granted that wealth found under the surface of the soil should not enrich the owner of the land but should belong to the State, i.e. to the entire community.

It must, of course, be admitted that even the rich in this country are not rich enough to start oil drilling and that therefore the only means to look for oil is by way of concession. This in itself points the way to the sort of Oil Bill which passed its first reading in the House. The fundamental differences in the debate did, finally, centre around foreign policy. It was a debate between Mapam and the Communists on one side and all the other parties on the other.

'Step to Capitalism'

For the Government and for its followers the Petroleum Bill is one of the steps taken to explore and exploit oil resources in this country with the help of outside capital. As this money can only come from Western countries, it means for the left wing another step in the surrender to "American capitalism." As even Dr. Sneh could not contend that Israel was able to exploit its oil—should it be found — with the help of its own resources, he could only turn the argument the other way round and propose accepting help from the Eastern democracies.

The details of the bill will be dealt with in committee. They have been prepared by local and foreign experts and there were very few people in the House who had studied the matter sufficiently to deal with them on the floor. Some general points which emerged during the debate should however be emphasized. The bill can do no more than clear the way for investors who want to prospect. This in itself is a lengthy process and several years must pass until we know for certain if oil is to be found or not. Moreover, prospecting and drilling are very expensive, so that only groups with considerable capital will be able to work.

Unprecedented Step

MORE than once the danger of arrears in the work of the Knesset has been emphasized in the House and in the Press. Now, however, it is evident that these arrears may endanger the very essence of Parliamentarism. The new Minister of Finance has asked the Finance Committee to grant him an advance of some IL.13m. from the development budget which has not yet been tabled in the Knesset. Mr. Eshkol has very good reasons for this unprecedented step. Unemploymet is rising, the Ministry of Labour wants to begin public works in order to alleviate the position, and the funds with which to pay for the projects are not available. Hence the attempt to get a grant from the Finance Committee.

We do not propose to deal with the economic implications of this measure although they, too, need investigation. As far as the Knesset is concerned, it must be extremely doubtful whether the Finance Committee has the right to confirm expenditure which has not been dealt with in the House, and which is not in the frame of one of the two budgets. The development budget should have been dealt with at the beginning of the summer session. It was then rumoured that it should run to IL.100m., but it has not yet been tabled and the Knesset would forego one of its fundamental rights if it should allow one of its committees to allocate funds to a Ministry out of a budget which has not yet been confirmed.

It was bad enough when time and again the Committee of Finance began discussions of the yearly budget before the first reading had been finished. If advances should now be given on an untabled budget, a very dangerous precedent would be set which would make the orderly expenditure of the public household impossible.

Israel Arabs

THE problem of the Arab in Israel occupies the Knesset almost every week as a result of interpolations or motions for the agenda. This week it cropped up on several occasions, and attention centred on the description by the Minister of Defence of the searches made in the village of El Shibli and on the statement by the Minister of Police on the disturbances in Ramle. The establishment of normal and neighbourly relations between Jews and Arabs in this country is by no means an easy task, and the purpose of discussions and interpellations in the Knesset should obviously be the improvement of relations between Arab and Jewish citizens by bringing to light injustice to prove that Parliament is ready to defend equality and justice whenever necessary.

Discussions on Arab grievances are, however, more often than not initiated mainly for political purposes. This is obviously the case in many instances when this or that incident is brought up by the Communist party in the House, and altercations can almost always be expected when one of their members champions the Arab cause. This is not only to be regretted in the interest of orderly debates in the Knesset, but because Communist championship may divert attention from genuine grievances. This can be avoided only if the other parties are ready to champion the rights of the Arab citizens with at least the same vigour as the Communists and if every reported violation of justice is carefully investigated. The declaration of the Minister of Police that he "deplores every attack on an Arab because he is an Arab" should therefore be duly emphasized. This line of thought and action is the only one which can show a way out of the tangle of friction and suspicion which clouds Jewish-Arab relations in this country.

New Homes on Castel

Idyllic view from Castel, one of the highest points in the Judean hills. In the foreground are the first two-roomed houses, built by the residents of the Castel ma'bara for themselves. In the middle-distance is Ein Karem and on the skyline are the rooftops of Jerusalem.

Photo by Braun

Sh'far Am Revisited

By THEODOR F. MEYSELS

IN 1947 I returned from Tiberias with Professor del Medige, the French Byzantinologist. When we passed a crossroads with the signpost "Shafa Amr," my learned travel companion mentioned the fact that his cousin was the R.C. priest of Shafa Amr. On the spur of the moment, we decided to visit him. The driver of our taxi had some misgivings about that notorious hill town, but he acquiesced under the promised protection of the church. We drove up through rather Corsican looking lanes to the open square in front of the convent, where we met the Padre. He duly kissed his cousin on both cheeks, shook hands with us and then advised us — to leave. Even he, it became clear, had not the authority to protect Jewish friends longer than a quarter of an hour from the attentions of his amiable flock.

So we left and through the years I developed a kind of "Shafa Amr complex," I longed to explore this townlet under the heavy cube of its castle, the windowless front of which looks so Tibetan. Meanwhile times changed: Shafa Amr has changed its name to Sh'far Am, which could be translated, from the "Well-being of Omar" to the "Well-being of the People". One afternoon I joined a queue for the No. 67 bus in front of Haifa Station. There were some hefty young Arabs waiting too. One of them suddenly accused a Kibbutznik of "dirty looks". The constable present had some difficulty in enforcing a shaky truce in the free for all that immediately began. Meanwhile the bus arrived and the Arabs stormed it: Some through the windows. Others jumped from the hood onto the heads of those trying to enter the bus in a civilized fashion. The whole scramble was just sport: Anybody able to count could see that there was sitting room for everybody. From the point of view of the minority status of Israel Arabs the scene was most reassuring, but discouraging to peace-loving sightseers.

My friends flatly refused to go to Sh'far Am. I had to postpone my excursion, and next morning I started all alone, set to fight my way into the bus. But, lo and behold, there were in the queue only friendly inmates of the Sh'far Am ma'bara who took me for a dollar-tourist and offered me precedence.

The short way from Kfar Ata to Sh'far Am is the equivalent of going from Lancashire to the Scottish Highlands. The whole character of the landscape changed in minutes, as we left the open settlement-dotted plain behind and drove through ancient olive groves into the hill-country. Sh'far Am looked more forbidding than ever, but nobody took any notice of me in its crooked streets, where everyday Arab life has not changed at all. There were the shopping Fellahin, the tarbushed Effendis mediating in front of the cafes, the black robed Beduin women, the camels and donkeys, all the picturesque figures of pre-war days.

Rambler's Note Book

I found my way into the Church of England school, where a friendly teacher elucidated the multiplication tables by drawing innumerable chickens on the blackboard. He acqainted me with the astonishing fact that no less than four schools — governmental, Anglican, Roman and Greek Catholic — cater to the educational requirements of the four thousand Moslems, Christians and Druze of Sh'far Am. He delegated some reliable pupils to conduct me to the "governorate" in the old citadel, where a benign police corporal reigns as an enlightened autocrat.

This citadel occupies the spot where Saladin, when he was harassing the Crusaders who besieged Acre, had his H.Q. It was built by that redoubtable Beduin, Sheikh Zahir el Omar, the astonishingly progressive regent of Central Palestine in the late 18th century, until Ahmed Jezzar, the commander of Zahir's Albanese bodyguard, cut his master's throat in a successful palace revolution. The Citadel opens to the forecourt with the wide arch of a "Liwan," the stone equivalent of the broad reception tent of a Beduin ruler. It is easy to imagine the old Sheikh receiving his guests and petitioners, where now a policeman listens to the never ending complaints of the burghers of Sh'far Am.

The view from the flat roof of the citadel is breathtaking. The whole plain of Acre from the mountains, over which Atzmon rises, to Ras el Nakura, the whole hill country over to Mt. Carmel is unfolded, like a map. All the highways coming down to the sea were under the control of the Master of the Castle who surrounded his position by perimeter forts on the surrounding hill tops. Here one understands Napoleon's statement in his "Syrian Campaign", where he singles out Sh'far Am as a "place, the occupation of which is essential for the control of Central Palestine."

The ruined fortress on the southern hill is probably older than the citadel, the fabric looks like Crusader work on Byzantine foundations. Some magnificent rock-hewn tombs in the hillside confirm this assumption. The decor with garlands, ornaments and lions is extraordinarily rich and in an isolated style, which indicates local workmanship. My police guide had some stories to tell about the Montecchi and Capuletti of Sh'far Am, namely the Christian, Druze and Moslem factions, who now fight among themselves with devoted energy. There are bloody heads after every local football match and referees are difficult to procure.

Sh'far Am was taken during the War of Liberation only after all the surrounding heights and villages had been occupied. Thus the inhabitants, rightly nervous about their rather black war and prewar record, could be kept where they were. There are not many places in Israel where the Arab population joined more wholeheartedly in all the fights against the Jews than in Sh'far Am. Still, nothing untoward happened to them. They are allowed to live their own lives, to till their own fields, to enjoy their roughhouse entertainments, and the Jewish authorities interfere only when these latter get too homicidal.

Readers' Letters

IN OR OUT?

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — With the introduction of the Nationality Law a new type of question is being asked by many Anglo-Saxons and others, as to whether they are "contracting in or out". It is difficult to understand this sudden fear of taking Israel Nationality by those who came here either voluntarily or by compulsion and who now feel that "they" have been let down, by the "Government," by the "Treasury," by "the Food Controller" and all those annoying problems which face us all, as a nation. One is forced to ask whether their stay here is conditioned on enjoying whatever benefit there may be, or deserting when there are further hardships and sacrifices to be made for the maintenance and survival of Israel.

Every citizen is faced with innumerable problems that are not to our liking, but — the way to overcome them is to stay and fight it out in the same spirit that we fought it out on May 15, 1948.

In this respect July 14, 1952 becomes a proud and honourable date in the lives of those of us who came home to Israel, made their humble contribution to its liberation, and made it possible for us proudly to say:

"We too are citizens of Israel."

Yours etc.,
(Major) SAMUEL WEISER
Tel-Aviv, July 9.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE annual Zvi Ben-Yoseph memorial concert at the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. on Thursday night was attended by a large crowd of friends of the gifted young composer who was killed in action at Kfar Etzion. After brief addresses by Messrs. M. Hillman and Karel Salomon, this year's memorial award was made to the latter. Before the actual concert which was sponsored by Kol Yisrael and Kol Zion Lagola, a recorded performance of two songs by Zvi Ben-Yoseph, sung by his friend Shimshon Neuman, took place. The following bill consisted of nine orchestral and vocal works by Ben-Yoseph, arranged by Hanan Schlesinger, S. Petrushka, Dr. A. H. Felber, A. Barnea, Y. Bohm, Karel Salomon, and Marc Lavry. Karel Salomon's prize-winning piece, "Hora Nahalal," a choral work, is well contrived. Hanan Schlesinger's a capella-choral setting of "Rosh Pina" is beautiful and engaging. Yohanan Bohm's orchestral setting of the nursery rhyme "Hayalda bahaluk hakahol" is a striking piece, has fine texture, and is well orchestrated, with a repeated quotation of the "Finland Horseman's March," in style with an affinity to Humperdinck's "Hansel und Gretel." But we couldn't help feeling most moved by S. Petrushka's well-known orchestral paraphrase of "Yesh li Kinnereth." Here the composer created an emotional piece, authentic folklore, heartfelt and inspired, something of a symbol of the boys, who were defending their country. It is unpretentious popular music in the best sense. The freshness of the Kol Zion Lagola chorus was enjoyable, the orchestra did well, obviously impressed by the memory of their excellent colleague. The bill was vividly conducted by Yohanan Bohm.

Death of an Actor

MAXIM Sakaschansky, who died suddenly on Tuesday in Tel Aviv, was born in Russia. After studying in Switzerland, he founded the "Hazamir" choir in Zurich. He acted at the Riga Jewish Municipal Theatre under Julius Adler, and in 1930, together with Ruth Klinger, founded the Jewish Cabaret "Kaftan" in Berlin, which acquired an excellent reputation. He toured Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Holland. After coming to Israel in 1933, he founded the "Teatron Intimi" (1934) and managed the "Artists' Club." He sang his own songs and appeared as a colourful conpère on the stage.

FRANGO

RUSSIA TIGHTENS GRIP ON BALTIC

By JOHN MILES

LONDON.—THE Stalin no-man's land between East and West in Europe has recently been extended to the Polish Baltic coast.

New Polish police regulations were suddenly put into force last month restricting the movement of the population in the coastal areas to a depth of three miles—more in some places.

Persons living there must possess residence permits establishing their bona fides, and visitors and holiday-makers are required to obtain special passes from the security police. Placards to this effect have been posted up in the ports of Gdynia and Gdansk (Danzig) and some 25 smaller ports.

Extra police and coastal guards have been assigned to the region to check traffic and movements of the inhabitants who number several hundred thousand with summer visitors.

Beach Patrols

Under the new orders, the public may now use only certain portions of the beaches and even these only between sunrise and sunset. An exception has been made at Soport, the leading Polish seashore resort near Gdynia, where one pier is to remain open after dark.

Parts of beaches to which the public has access are roped around and under police patrol. Here people may bathe. Otherwise for any person to approach the sea within 15 metres has now become an offence, punishable by a fine of £300, or three months detention in a labour camp.

These new police measures, in effect rendering the Polish Baltic coast a closed area, are understood to be directed at preventing Poles escaping abroad, particularly to Sweden which the Soviet Union regards as an espionage centre. Hundreds of Poles have escaped there across the Baltic in recent years.

Another reason would appear to be the Red Navy's preoccupation with Baltic defence and the use of ports, particularly Gdynia and Gdansk. "Rebuilding projects" at these two ports, which the Polish Press announced some time ago as being "assisted by Soviet naval architects," are believed to include new naval installations. Red Navy units are permanently stationed at the two ports and for some time now Russian submarines have been known to be using the Oksywia base near Gdynia.

Traffic except by officials and police has almost ceased between the Polish mainland and the fortified naval island of Hel which guards the entrance to Gdansk and Gdynia.

Boat Restrictions

Up to now security restrictions—imposed soon after Marshal Rokossovsky, the Soviet army leader who is now Polish Commander-in-Chief and Minister of Defence, took over in Poland—have applied only to merchant and fishing vessels. These have now been extended to pleasure craft for which Poles must obtain special permission from the local authorities.

There are reports that Polish families are leaving the coastal areas. Such stringent control is bound to cause alarm among the inhabitants and the obligation to interview the security police to obtain residence permits will not be appreciated.

It will obviously deter visitors and it is significant that there is much less reference to the Baltic resorts this year in Polish Press announcements about workers' holidays. The regime's aim seems to be to bring about some degree of evacuation of the coastal area.

(OFNS)

Summer Manoeuvres, 1952.

The Summer Manoeuvres this year will begin during the second half of July and end towards Rosh Hashana. The aim of the manoeuvres is to test the initiative of the group commanders in finding quick solutions to tactical and strategic problems and also the fighting ability of the soldiers under different conditions.

So as to learn the utmost from this test by examining each detail in it and, on the other hand, so as to interfere as little as possible in the economic life of the State, the summer manoeuvres will be carried out stage by stage in the various areas of the country.

The value of manoeuvres in the strengthening of the State's security can be estimated. It can already be said with satisfaction that the essence of the idea of manoeuvres is becoming an integral part of present-day Israel life. Despite difficulties bound up with the manoeuvres, everyone recognizes their essential need.

The theory of warfare needs constant study. Its many problems cannot be solved by one test. It is also a duty to test again and again at given intervals the ability of the fighter and the efficiency of his equipment. Therefore there is a need for manoeuvres every year because each manoeuvre has its specific problems and its own material for study.

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